QUEST GRANT Eligibility

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01	•Individuals eligible to receive services through the QUEST DWG grant are underserved and historically marginalized individuals from one of the following Disaster Recovery DWG eligibility categories: 1.A dislocated worker; 2.A long-term unemployed individual as defined by the Grantor; 3.An individual temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic disaster; 4.A self-employed individual who became unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic disaster. •NOTE: If a person is eligible as a Dislocated Worker and also one of the other three eligibility categories, they are only to be certified eligible as a Dislocated Worker. (If you selected 1 and 2/3/4 they need to be certified DW.)	
02	Populations of underserved and historically marginalized individuals include, but are not limited to: •Veterans; individuals with disabilities; persons of color; women; justice-involved individuals; immigrants; refugees; homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness; low-income individuals; individuals in or aged-out of Foster Care; GED candidates and recipients; public assistance recipients; individuals who are basic skills deficient; UI Profilees; individuals unemployed for an extended period; individuals who have exhausted their UI benefit; individuals age 55 and over; lower-wage workers; child-care-challenged workers; high-unemployment-area residents; rural residents; individuals residing in a Qualified Census Tract (QSI) or a Disproportionately Impacted Area (DIA); and individuals with other employment barriers. • Qualified Census Tract and Disproportionately Impacted Area (you'll be reporting these numbers; look up for all participants and include printout. Link for participant address look-up: https://www.illinoisworknet.com/qctdiamap • High-unemployment area residents: look up for all participants and include printout. Link for IEBS Underserved Area Search: https://apps.illinoisworknet.com/iebs/Apps/lmi/underservedare asearch	

[•]A KEY POINT FOR ALL QUEST DISASTER DWG, REGARDLESS IF THE CLIENT HAD MET TRADITIONAL WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, OR IF THE CLIENT HAD MET THE ALTERNATIVE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, THE CLIENT MUST ALSO MEET THE CRITERIA OF "UNDERSERVED AND HISTORICALLY MARGIN" MARGIN 12.39.23.

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QUEST GRANT Checklist

CRITERIA FOR "UNDER-SERVED AND HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED INDIVIDUAL"

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QUEST GRANT Definitions

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04	Displaced homemakers; low-income individuals; Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian individuals; individuals with a disability; older individuals (age 55 or over); justice-involved individuals; homeless individuals; individuals who are in or have aged out of the foster care system; individuals who are English language learners, have low levels of literacy, or face substantial cultural barriers; eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers; individuals within 2 years of exhausting TANF lifetime eligibility; single parents (including single pregnant women); long-term unemployed individuals (at least 27 consecutive weeks per BLS definition); individuals who reside in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) or a Disproportionately Impacted Area (DIA); and individuals who are basic skills deficient. "An individual who faces a substantial cultural barrier" is an individual that perceives him or herself as possessing attitudes, beliefs, customs or practices that influence a way of thinking, acting or working that may serve as a hindrance to employment."	
05	An individual who is working part-time but desires full-time employment; who is working in employment not commensurate with the individual's demonstrated level of educational and/or skill achievement; who is employed and meets the definition of a low-income individual as defined in WIOA Sec. 3(36); who is employed but their current earnings are not sufficient compared to their previous job's earnings from their previous employment; or who is employed in a job lacking employer-provided health care benefits.	

QUEST GRANT Case protes

•To reiterate, for every client that will be served under the 1N - QUEST Disaster DWG, staff must use a detailed case note explaining how the client meets the criteria of "Under-served and historically marginalized individual".	
•Thorough case notes for DWG participants are required.	
•Initial case notes must explain the circumstances as to why/how the person is eligible as a dislocated worker or one of the other 3 eligibility categories, and also explain/describe how the participant meets the "underserved or historically marginalized" requirement.	
•Do not use a "cut and paste" generic description. The case note is to be descriptive in explaining an individual's personal circumstances.	
•Case notes must tell the story of the client in terms of their eligibility for the grant and also service determination (including assessment, suitability, etc.) and delivery of services, including periodic review and update of a participant's IEP and their supportive services needs.	
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Case Note: Connie is a current WIOA Adult Registrant who is considered to be under-served and historically marginalized based on her ethnicity as an American Indian, she is also a former foster child who had aged out of foster care when she turned age 18.	
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